to textile mills in the State to increase the production and export to textile; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) There were 64 cotton/man-made fibre textile units in the State of Uttar Pradesh as on 28.2.97. The installed capacity of these mills were as under :

	Item	Unit	Installed Capacity
1.	Spindles	'000	1898
2.	Rotors	No.	6072
3.	Looms	No.	11567
4.	No. of workers on rolls	No.	86000

The items produced by these mills include yarn & cloth of cotton, blended and 100% Non-cotton varieties.

(b) and (c) The Union Government had taken various steps in the past in the direction of increasing production of textiles in the country and export of textile, which are equally applicable to the State of Uttar Pradesh.

The Indian textile industry comprises of various segments, namely mill sector, powerloom, handloom etc. Depending on the needs of each segment of the industry, policy interventions involving formulation of financial and administrative steps by the government for various segments is a continous process keeping in mind the broad objectives laid down in the Textile Policy 1985. The government have taken various steps from time to time to encourage textile production in each segment. These include :

Liberalisation of licensing provision; fiscal restructuring; permitting import of textile machinery under OGL; and reduction of custom duty on such imports; research and development activities; setting up of laboratories facilities; simplification of quota system; setting up of BIFR to inquire into working of sick industrial units, and to prepare and sanction as appropriate, scheme for revival of mills; reserving certain items for manufacture by handloom sector only; by way of running Powerloom Service Centres, Computer Aided Design Centres; improving quality of textile products and boost their value addition through various Textile Research Associations; removal of restrictions on the creation and expansion of capacity, subject only to locational guidelines; working on various programmes for the promotion on export of the various segments of the Indian Textile Industry through various Export Promotion Councils under M/o Textiles; upgrading of testing facilities at the Textiles Committee and other Public Textile Laboratories to facilitate quick, affordable and reliable tests result to the exporters; and promoting quality consciousness among exporters to promote acceptability of Indian goods abroad.

Conditions Imposed on Import of Paper

6683. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has imposed actual user condition on import of newsprint in a bid to provide higher protection to domestic manufacturers;

(b) if so, the main reasons for imposing restrictions on newsprint import;

(c) whether domestic manufacturers has been complaining that they were not in a position to import cheap newsprint from abroad;

(d) if so, the details of objections/complaints received by the Government;

(e) whether his Ministry has consulted this issue with the concerned Ministries;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the action taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of the domestic manufacturers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (g) Taking into consideration the representations received from indigenous newsprint manufacturers the Govt. has taken steps in consultation with the conveined Administrative Ministries, to safeguard their interest by imposing Actual User condition for import of newsprint with effect from 29.1.1997. The conditions of import by Actual Users were modified and made efffective from 5th March, 1997. The copies of relevant Government's (Ministry of Commerce) Notifications No. 22/92-97 dated 29.1.97 and No. 24/92-97 dated 5.3.1997 are available in the Parliament Library.

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6684. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any plan to set